GUIDE REPORT

Waterfowl preserved

By SMOKEY TRUMBLEY

Ducks Unlimited (Canada) is a private, non-profit international conservation organization whose goal is preserving, restoring, developing and maintaining waterfowl breeding habitat in Canada. It was formed in the midst of the dust and desolation of the late 1930's because of the concern of North American sportsmen and conservationists that the continent's waterfowl population was in serious decline.

Settlement of the Canadian West at the turn of the century started the threat to waterfowl numbers. The massive land clearing and drainage projects that accompanied this push destroyed much of the habitat that produced the majority of the continent's waterfowl population. Recognizing this threat, a group of U.S. Sportsmen created the, "More Game Birds In America Foundation" which in 1929, recommended programs to secure and restore these Canadian marshes.

By 1937, with drought accentuating the threat of extinction for some species, these same American sportsmen formed Ducks Unlimited Incorporated as a means of raising funds for conservation work. Later that year, a Canadian organization, Ducks Unlimited (Canada), was launched. Funded primarily by the American sister organization, DU (Canada) was to carry out the wetland restoration and creation program.

Since then, Ducks Unlimited has emerged as North America's foremost private waterfowl conservation organization. Thanks to the co-operation of Canadian landowners, who provided their land free of charge, DU has secured and developed almost three million acres of waterfowl habitat across Canada. To date, DU Incorporated's contribution to its sister organization reached $100 million, thus under-scoring its commitment to conservation.

IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

The harmonious working relationship established in 1979, with the National Second Century Fund of British Columbia, continued in 1980. A number of prospective joint ventures were evaluated and one, RCMP Flats, involving nearly 600 acres of wetland, was secured.

In total, 27 projects will be operational in B.C. by spring, 1981. These will increase the province's nesting habitat total by 2,419 acres and 71 shoreline miles. In addition, seven project improvements were done on 2,783 acres of existing habitat – including the north end of Swan Lake right here in our area.

During 1981, at least 15 projects will be undertaken in B.C. Of these, eight will be new projects, two will be completions of projects begun earlier, four will represent project improvements and one major repair will be carried out.

With survey and design work well in hand for 1,016-acre Chilanko Project near Williams Lake, a conceptual and detailed design will be developed during 1981. Once the network of dykes and control structures needed to stabilize water levels on this marsh are in place, the project will offer about 11.5 shoreline miles of new habitat in this important area of the province.

A second major project slated for development is the final phase of the Indian Lands Project, at Creston, in southeastern B.C. Work on this phase of the project will involve some water diversion, dyking and island construction to develop an additional 250 acres of habitat on this important project.

IMPORTANT DATES

Winnipeg, Feb. 28, 1981 G. Fitzpatrick "Pat" Dunn, F.C.A., of Victoria, was elected president of Ducks Unlimited (Canada) at the organization's 43rd Annual Meeting, in Winnipeg.

Ducks Unlimited will oepen a new area office this year in Prince George.

March 21: Hunters Range Snowmobile Association will hold its wind-up get-together in the Armstrong Legion, at 8 p.m. The evening fun night includes a social hour, entertainment by Golden Music, door prizes and a late evening luncheon.

All snowmobilers are welcome to attend, but you must purchase your tickets prior to Saturday. Tickets will not be available at the door. Cost of tickets are $4 each or $7 per couple. They can be purchased in Armstrong from Larry Williams at 546-6900; Noble Tractor at 546-3141, and in Vernon from Ernie Leimann at 545-0050 or, Muriel Lunan, at 542-1978.

BEST HOURS

Saturday from 11:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. and Sunday from 12:05 to 2:05 p.m. (A full moon weekend, so fishermen can expect slow action).

Folk in front after 11 rounds

WINNIPEG (CP) — Saskatchewan's Rick Folk turned out to be the only Goliath the Davids couldn't slay at the Seagram Canadian mixed curling championship Wednesday and as a result Folk leads with a 6-1 record after eleven rounds.

Considered by many observers the pre-championship favorite, Folk defeated Rick Lang of Northern Ontario 9-5 and pulled away from four rinks — Lang, Alberta, the Territories and Ontario — that are tied for second place at 5-3.

Nova Scotia and Newfoundland were 4-4, Prince Edward Island was 3-4, followed by Quebec at 3-5, Manitoba and British Columbia at 2-5 and New Brunswick at 2-6.

In today's 12th round, Alberta meets Saskatchewan, Manitoba plays New Brunswick, Quebec goes against P.E.I. and B.C. plays Newfoundland.

Folk, of Saskatoon, beat Lang's Thunder Bay foursome with a four in the fourth end, making it almost impossible for Lang to come back.

"Rick had just got a two-ender on us in the third to go one up again and the four-ender developed very innocently," said Folk.

"Their third (Arne Provo) made an excellent double and our third (Dorenda Schoenhals) made a nice little hit and roll and that sort of set it up. We were counting two and Rick didn't have too much of a shot with his last one.

"It worked out real well for us and not so well for them."

Ontario's Ken Buchan of London suffered his second consecutive loss while Alberta's Gary Morken of Grande Prairie and the Territories rink skipped by Chuck Haines of Whitehorse both got back on the winning track to force the four-way tie for second place.

Buchan fell 8-2 to Newfoundland's Jim Ward of St. John's while Morken beat New Brunswick's Jean Guy Boudreau of Moncton by a 7-4 count. Meanwhile, Haines recorded his first win after four straight losses with a 5-3 victory over the P.E.I. entry skipped by John Fortier of Charlottetown.

Quebec's Andre Desjardins of Kenogami beat Nova Scotia's Steve Miller of Halifax 7-4 while B.C. and Manitoba had byes.

Lang's defeat was the eighth consecutive time he has lost to a Saskatchewan rink, including high school play, Brier games and playoffs and mixed competition.

Buchan couldn't stop Ward from stealing aces in the second, third and fourth ends. He was forced to played a catch-up style that didn't succeed.

Morken made off with steals of one each in the second, third and sixth ends for his victory over Boudreau, who had won two in a row previously.

Quebec's Desjardins was up 7-0 after three ends over Miller, of Halifax, and the lead stood.

In 10th-round play, New Brunswick edged the Territories 7-6, Quebec beat Ontario 7-4, Manitoba thumped Alberta 11-2, B.C. defeated Northern Ontario 7-5 and Newfoundland beat Nova Scotia 10-6.

The tournament winds up Saturday.

Three junior teams battling for top spot

DARTMOUTH, N.S. (CP) — Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Ontario were in a three-way tie for first place with 6-2 records at the end of play Wednesday in the Canadian junior women's curling championship.

If there is no tie after the last draw today, the leader of the round-robin tournament will be decided tonight.

In the featured match of the ninth draw Wednesday, Tracy Kelzer's rink from Powell River, B.C. upset the Winnipeg rink skipped by Karen Fallis 5-4.

In other ninth-round games, Saskatchewan's Gayle Howard defeated Newfoundland's Cindy Crocker of Labrador City 9-4, Alberta downed New Brunswick 10-8; Yukon-Territories defeated P.E.I. 10-6, and Nova Scotia beat Quebec 9-3 after eight ends. Ontario had the bye.

In second place after nine rounds was P.E.I. with a 5-3 record, followed by B.C.

KELOWNA LEADS INTERIOR SERIES

By The Canadian Press

Abbotsford Flyers won the Coastal Division final of the B.C. Junior Hockey League on Wednesday with an easy 10-4 win over Nor-Wes Caps in the seventh and deciding game.

In the interior final, Kelowna Buckaroos doubled Penticton Knights 6-3 to take a 3-2 lead in their best-of-seven series. The teams play again tonight at Penticton.

At Abbotsford, Brian Bakster had three goals. Jim Cowden and Craig Redmond added a pair each and singles came from Dan Threifall, Colin Lundrigan and Troy Frankvam.

Dave Brownlie had two goals for the losers. Todd Semeniuk and Mike Hallet had the others.

Abbotsford led 4-0 and 7-2 by periods as Flyers' goalie Ken Buker made 27 saves. Brian Bowen and Marty Wakelin combined to kick out 20 for the Caps.

At Kelowna, Greg Adams scored with 37 seconds left to send the game into the 10-minute overtime when they scored three unanswered goals.

Adams — who had scored a second time earlier in the game — had the winner at 6:26.

Greg Leaske then scored into an empty net with 57 seconds left in the game and Paul Houck added the final goal with three seconds left. Earl Smith also scored.

Barry Huber, Ian Bouchard and Rick Trupp tallied for the losers.

Goaltender Bruno Campese played a brilliant game, stopping 46 shots for Penticton. Norm Wright stopped 27 for Kelowna.

Tiger ready to face hostile Montreal fans

VANCOUVER (CP) — Dave (Tiger) Williams apparently is ready and willing to face Montreal Canadiens and a probable hostile crowd Saturday when Vancouver Canucks play a National Hockey league game at the Forum.

Williams raised the ire of the Canadiens and their fans in December after Canucks coach Harry Neale blasted some Vancouver fans for cheering the Canadiens in games at the Pacific Coliseum.

"Let's be realistic," Williams said Dec. 17. "How many frog-lovers are there west of the Rockies?"

That comment and others by the devilish left winger, who has scored 30 goals this season as the spiritual leader of the Canucks, angered several Canadiens, including right winger Chris Nilan.

Nilan drew a double-minor for roughing during the game (a 4-4 tie) and Williams wasn't penalized when he covered up under Nilan's attack.

WILLIAMS CRITICIZED

The Montreal player said later he'd "rather be a frog than a coward" and Canadiens coach Claude Ruel suggested Williams might develop a mysterious ailment when Vancouver visited Montreal for a rematch March 21.

Williams missed a game Oct. 18 in Montreal with a back problem, but scored what proved to be the tying goal in the 4-4 game at Vancouver when Nilan was in the penalty box.

"I really can't believe some of the reactions," Williams said Wednesday about his earlier comments, "but I guess some guys feel they have to sell papers.

"Anyway, my back is fine, my heart is fine and I'm going to Montreal and Quebec (Monday) to play some hockey. I'll just go about my business."

Williams, 26, was obtained by Vancouver in February, 1980, from Toronto Maple Leafs, along with Jerry Butler, in exchange for former first-round draft picks Bill Derlago and Rick Vaive.

TRADE PRAISED

"Tiger Williams was a great trade for us," Neale said Wednesday, "and he continues to be so. You can't really add up all his contribution."

Williams has hit the 30-goal plateau for the second time in his seven-year NHL career and this season played in his first all-star game. He was on a line with Wayne Gretzky of Edmonton Oilers and Mike Bossy of New York Islanders for the winning Clarence Campbell Conference in this year's game at Los Angeles.

Opposing coach inspires goalie

By The Canadian Press

On a night when the unexpected was the rule, Steve Baker, New York Rangers goaltender, felt inspired by the observations of an old master of the trade — rival coach Gerry Cheevers — to express his gratitude.

Baker made 30 saves Wednesday night as the Rangers defeated Boston Bruins 3-2 then offered thanks to, among others, Boston coach Cheevers.

Baker saved his highest praise, however, for team-mate Barry Beck, the rangy defenceman who scored a power-play goal in the second period to put New York on top 1-0. Beck faked Bruins forward Dwight Foster to the ice, closed in on goalie Rogie Vachon and rifled a 30-footer into the far corner.

In other surprises Wednesday night, Toronto Maple Leafs — fighting for a playoff spot — defeated league-leading St. Louis Blues, 6-2; Hartford Whalers stoned Montreal Canadiens 9-3; and Chicago Black Hawks handed Philadelphia Flyers a 5-1 setback. Elsewhere the scores were: Quebec Nordiques 6, Washington Capitals 4; Edmonton 5, Minnesota North Stars 3 with Oilers centre Wayne Gretzky assisting on four goals to tie an NHL record; and Winnipeg Jets 4, Colorado Rockies 3.

TAKE 3-0 LEAD

After Beck's slick effort to put the Rangers in front, Ulf Nilsson won a faceoff and set up a tap-in by Ron Greschner, then Greschner returned the favor to set up Nilsson for a 3-0 Rangers lead.

The Bruins rebounded with goals by Peter McNab and Ray Bourque.

Maple Leafs 6 Blues 2

Ex-Minnesotan Ron Zanussi scored two goals — as did Bill Derlago. Laurie Boschman and Darryl Sittler also scored for Toronto while St. Louis got two goals from captain Brian Sutter.

Whalers 9 Canadiens 3

Blaine Stoughton and Don Nachbaur each scored two goals as Hartford handed Montreal only its second loss in 21 games. It wasn't the worst beating the Canadiens have absorbed this season — they were stopped 9-1 by Edmonton earlier in the year when in the midst of a prolonged slump.

Black Hawks 5 Flyers 1

Chicago got the jump with goals by Bob Murray, Doug Wilson and Darryl Sutter in a seven-minute span of the first period and was never threatened in the contest.

Ted Bulley made the score 4-0 before Brian Propp beat Chicago goalie Tony Esposito to avert the shutout. Al Secord completed the Hawks scoring.

Nordiques 6 Capitals 4

Robbie Ftorek scored three goals and Jacques Richard added two as Quebec dealt Washington's playoff hopes a setback. Dale Hunter scored the other Quebec goal. Bob Kelly, with two, Rolf Edberg and Mike Gartner's 40th of the year accounted for the Washington offence.

Oilers 5 North Stars 3

The four assists by Gretzky gave him 89 for the season to tie a record for centres established by Flyers' Bobby Clarke.

Brent Calligher scored two goals for Edmonton, Jari Kurri, Glenn Anderson and Dave Hunter adding the others. Dino Ciccarelli, Brad Palmer and Jack Carlson scored for the North Stars.

Jets 4 Rockies 3

Winnipeg came from a two-goal deficit with second-period goals by Rick Dudley, Dave Christian and Tim Trimper in a 2:14 span. Normand Dupont also scored for the Jets. Paul Gagne, Steve Tambellini and Lucien DeBlois tallied for Colorado.

MEET NEXT COACH

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — Larry Brown was formally introduced Wednesday as New Jersey Nets' next coach. Brown, 40, resigned this week from UCLA to take the National Basketball Association job.

COURT DATE SET

BRAMPTON, Ont. (CP) — Steve Durbano, former defenceman with five professional hockey teams, will appear in court Sept. 24 for a preliminary hearing on charges of importing cocaine and possession of the drug for purposes of trafficking.

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Canada tied for lead at curling championship

PERTH, Scotland (CP) — The Susan Seitz rink from Calgary won both its matches Wednesday to remain in a three-way tie for first place at the women's world curling championships.

The Seitz crew had an easy day in their two matches, defeating Scotland 8-3 in the morning draw and the U.S. 9-2 in the afternoon to raise its record to 7-1.

Tied with Canada at 7-1 are Sweden and Norway.

Sweden defeated Switzerland 7-5 and West Germany 8-3 to maintain its share of first place. Norway had a tougher day squeezing by West Germany 9-8 and Denmark 4-3.

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